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A WORTHWHILE TIP

Cities and towns, all over the United States, are competing in a feverish race for size, and the chief goal of many communities, it seems, is the persuading of industries to settle within their gates.

Civic organizations give much of their time and thought to the concoction of "dope" which they hope will persuade somebody to come in and build up their municipality for them. Much effort along this line is inevitably wasted.

It may be a rather revolutionary idea, but we wonder if the people of any sizable city have ever tried giving their time and attention to the development of the "best place" in the world for a family to live. There are enough people in most towns to get together and make their community attractive to the home-builder. Properly coordinated local effort can work wonders.

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KENNEDY'S WAGON

Senator John Kennedy's bandwagon, if one can call it that at this stage, is already carrying several prominent columnists. The Alsop column, for one, seems to think that Kennedy is as good as in.

But those who are closest to Lyndon Johnson believe that he is the first Texan to enter the scene in many a day who has a real, kicking chance to get the Democratic nomination. Johnson, however, still tells his closest friends he will not be a candidate. He might have to be drafted.

And yet those pare some factors going for the tall Texan, who must surely have the fastest gun in the U. S. Senate. First, the West likes him. Second, he has introduced, passed and originated civil rights bills —and this makes him at least acceptable to many in the north and east. Third, he would probably carry the South, because while the average solid conservative feels him too liberal, he would fear the other candidates as men standing even further to the left. Fourth, Johnson is about the only man that Kennedy would join — in second place — on the national Democratic ticket.

A Johnson - Kennedy ticket would, therefore, be a powerful one. Much can and will happen ere the nominating convention. It is not general practice for a party to head its ticket with two senators. Favored, usually, would be at least one outstanding governor. But, it is our guess that the chances of Johnson heading the ticket are, at the moment, a bit stronger than for for Kennedy to head the ticket.

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MARCH

With rushing winds and gloomy skies
The dark and stubborn Winter dies;
Far-off, unseen, Spring faintly cries,
Bidding her earliest child arise;
March! Bayard Taylor.

March, which takes its name from Mars, an ancient Roman deity generally regarded as the god of war, is the third month of our year and signifies the end of winter and brings with it the beginning of spring. This year spring begins on March 21st.

Several other memorable days occur in March. The most significant days includs Good Friday, which occurs this year on the 27th, Easter, which occurs on the 29th, and St. Patrick's Day, which occurs on the 17th. The month is also the birthday anniversary of many notables. Alexander Graham Bell was born March 3rd, 1842 in Edinburgh, Scotland. Qyant Casimir Pulaski was born in Lithuania, Poland, March 4th, 1748. Luther Burbank was born at Lancaster, Massachusetts, March 7th, 1849. Oliver Wendell Holmes was born on March 8th, 1841, at Boston.

Simon Cameron was born in Lancaster County, Pensylvania, March 8th, 1799, and Joseph Priestly, the discover of oxygen, was born at Fieldhead, Yorkshire, England,, March 13th, 1733.

Andrew Jackson was born March 15th, 1767, near the South Carolina - North Carolina border. Another ex-President, James Madison, was bor nat Port Conway, Va. on March 16th, 1751. Roger B. Taney, the fifth Chief Justice of the United States, was born in Calvert County ,Maryland, on March 17th, 1777.

Grover Cleveland, the twenty-second and twenty-fourth President of the United States, was born in Caldwell, New Jersey, on March 18th, 1837. William Jennings Bryant, a great political leader, was born at Salem, Illinois, March 19th, 1860. John Tyler, tenth President of the United States, was born at Greenway ,Charles City County, Virginia, on March 29th, 1790.

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Business is always better for advertisers.

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Most reformers are satisfied with themselves.

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Tolerance is the idea that the other fellow may be right and you may be wrong.

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The average club, or organization, will brab almost any excuse for a supper.

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It is not always the fruit that reaches the market first that is the best fruit.

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While the just are preparing to inherit the earth, the unjust are rapidly grabbing it.

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Character building is almost like the weather, everybody talks about building it, but very few do anything about it.

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An editor who gets too smart for his readers, ought to be fired or retired—unless his relatives own the newspaper.

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There is something to be said for the good old days when neighbors shared their fruits and vegetables, their joys and their sorrows.

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What has become of the little fellow who taught, some years ago, that the world was on the lookout for an intelligent, modest and honorable man?

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Not all the comic characters are to be found in the comic books.

Bible Material: Matthew 21:33-46; Mark 14:1-9.
Devotional Reading: Isaiah 53:1-6.

The Great Refusal

Lesson for March 1, 1959

A DOUBLE meaning can be found in some of Jesus' parables. A triple meaning, if you include the simple literal words of the stories. For instance, take the parable which in old-fashioned English is called the parable of the Wicked Husbandmen. In more modern English it would be the story of the Wicked Tenant Farmers. The first and simple meaning is just the story. Like so many that Jesus told, this one both sounds as if it might have actually happened, and as if it were too fantastic ever to happen. It is a story of a farm owner who sent his son. But this only stirred the tenants to murder. If we kill the man's only son, they said to each other, then the vineyard will be ours. So they killed him.

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Shadow of Calvary

Jesus ended his blunt, ugly tale with a question. What will the owner do next? His hearers knew. The least the tenants could expect would be to lose their places. But more likely the owner would destroy them. Their murder would come back on their own heads.

So much for the story itself. But it was more than a story; that is, there was a meaning under its surface. It is on record that the leading citizen to whom Jesus told the tale of brutality and madness, immediately made plans to arrest him. They saw that Jesus was speaking about them. This was no simple rural Who-done-it. It was a sword-thrust, a stern prophecy, and they did not like it, nor him. These men, you might say, where bumble-experts, parabolists (sic) themselves. They saw in a flash what the Man from Galilee was driving at. The owner of the vineyard was God; the tenant farmers were themselves. The vineyard was the Kingdom of God, with all its powers and privileges. God had entrusted the Jewish people, and especially their leaders and teachers, these chief priests and scribes among them, with his truth, his laws, the knowledge of his will. But instead of blessing the earth with these his gifts, they had tried selfishly to keep them for their very own. They had mistreated God's messengers the prophets. Now God's son was in their presence . . . but murder was in their minds.

One of the most chilling things Jesus ever said was his last word to these men who were plotting his death. "The Kingdom of God will be taken away from you," he said. That was a shocker. Every Jew grew up believing that his people had the exclusive right to the Kingdom and to the favor of God. Gentiles were no better than dogs. But here Jesus pronounces sentence on their failure. Not "—may be taken away," but "—will be taken away." By rejecting him they proved themselves unworthy. But then what? Who would be the Bearers of the Kingdom? It will be given, Jesus said, "to a nation producing the fruits of it." What nation? Rome, the British Empire, the United States? One thing is clear: No race and no nation have any exclusive rights to the Kingdom; no exclusive right to be the Headquarters of God?

The Tragic Pattern

But with this last word of Jesus a third depth of meaning in this parable comes to light. Jesus was not only predicting his own death at the hands of those who should have made him most welcome; and not only predicting the passing of the Kingdom of God out into the world. He was suggesting a tragic pattern which has been repeated over and over again in history. Those wicked tenants are not merely certain priests in long-ago Jerusalem, they are the Refusers of God everywhere and at all times. God gives to man so much, and demands (comparatively) so little; like the owner in the parable. But man, confronted by God, makes over and over again the Great Refusal. Man wants the earth for himself, he does not want to share it even with the Creator. But men who refuse God are in reality not destroying him; they are destroying themselves.

The annual Southern Conference basketball tournament held in Richmond this week.

DOCTOR TALK

By Benjamin B .Blackmon, M. D.

The American Heart Association is currently in the midst of a national publicity drive, and one of the important phases of this campaign is to educate the public generally on arteriosclerosis.

This type campaign is extremely valuable as a public service to the American population because there is a great deal can be accomplished in the way of prevention of this disease.

There are five major factors one should be aware of when considering arteriosclerosis, namely, overeating, hypertension, and excessive smoking.

Certainly, there is very little one can do about his inherited traits. The important thing is to realize that when one is shown to have a tendency for arteriosclerosis by way of family history, he should make every effort to restrict as much as possible the many contributing factors for this disease.

Those individuals proven to have an increased cholesterol level in the blood should take all precautions by way of dietary curtainment and activity to reduce cholesterol intake to an absolute minimum.

Obesity through overindulgence is a common weakness with the American way of life. Eating too much of the "good things" has become a habit with people in general. With proper discipline upon ourselves we could eventually become regulated to an ideal balance of calories with correct distribution of fats, carbohydrates and proteins.

High blood pressure contributes toward arteriosclerosis, and when this condition is recognized, treatment and follow-up observation by the physician is extremely important.

Excessive smoking contributes toward considerable damage to the cardiovascular system. Again, self-discipline toward moderation is urged for the general public, and particularly for those individuals who fall under any of the above mentioned categories.

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3 Gauguin Sketches Found

Chicago.- The thrift of French painter Paul Gauguin apparently produced a double work of art — a panel of sketches on the back of a major Gauguin pastel drawing.

The newly - discovered pencil sketches ,revealed earlier this month for the first time, are dated 1892.

Dairy Short Courses Planned At College

Four short courses in dairying have been scheduled for this spring and summer at VPI.

Two of these, March 16 to 28, and September 7 to 19, will deal with artificial insemination. The other two, March 16 to April 4, and July 6 to 25, will be for dairy herd improvement supervisors. All are sponsored by the dairy science department at VPI.

Frustrating-

New York.- A letter post at 7 A. M. one morning in L geles went aboard the inaugu flight of American Airlines ly. The letter was addressed employee at Idlewild Airport York. It took the jet four h get it there.

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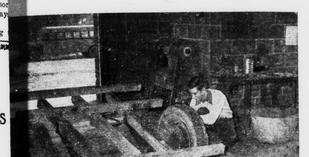
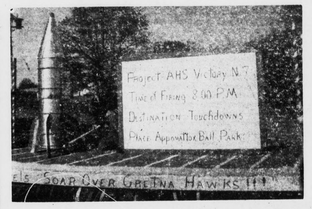


FFA Junior Gordon Tucker works on trailer in farm shop part of his vocational agriculture course. Farm mechanics construction and maintenance instruction will stand these students in good stead in life after school.

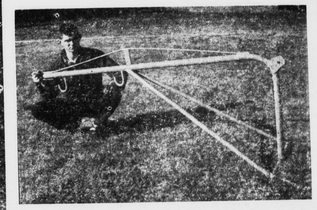
National F F A Week is being observed by local Members. The activities of this outstanding organization are a wonderful contribution to better standards on our farms and homes, and we salute the fine work the instructors and student members are doing.



FFA has school spirit as shown by this unique float. Myron Richardson, junior FFA member rides on the rocket float in the football homecoming parade last fall.

FFA Tractor Driving Contests teach safe tractor operation. Dennis Torrence shown driving here won the Tractor Driving Contest at the Farmville Fair last fall. His prize was fifteen dollars and a trip to the pennsylvania Farm Show at Harrisonburg, Pennsylvania.

Myron Richardson was the lucky boy in the HUB FFA last year. He won this registered Guernsey heifer. Calf came from Laurel Cliff Farm in Amherst County. It is known as the Laurel Cliff Award and is given each year to an FFA boy carrying dairy enterprises, on basis of need and accomplishments in FFA work.



Louis Moore is shown here with a tractor lift which he constructed as part of his vocational agriculture course. This and many other shop projects help the FFA members to learn shop skills and to do a better job of farming. Louis is a junior at Appomattox High School.

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